

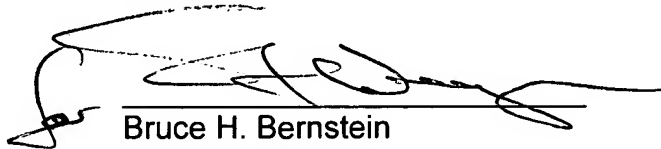
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

The amendment herein is made to remove reference numbers from the Abstract and to place it in better U.S. form.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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